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The eight (8) key elements of policy frameworks are they systematically analyze social policy or programs, they reflect the understanding that social policy is context sensitive and there are competing priorities in all policy options, they employ rational methods of inquiry and analysis, data used in policy analysis is derived from scientific inquiry and legitimate sources and it is objectively interpreted and analyzed, the analytic method is explicit and all succeeding policy analyses should approximate the same conclusion, policy analysis is based on the commitment to derive the largest possible social and economic benefits at the least possible social and economic cost, they should attempt to take into account the unintended consequences of a particular policy or group, policy analysts should consider alternative social policies or alternative use of present or future resources allocated to a given policy and lastly, it should employ models that examine the potential impact of a policy on other social policies, social problems and the public good.

Despite a good purpose behind the need for a policy framework, the fact that social policy is driven by politics that are rarely analyzed will always put policy framework on the defensive to fit into a project requirement. Therefore adopting a policy proposition without proper analysis within purposeful conditions and/or a safe net creates irrational risk that becomes a model for future policy review. So much damage could have been done that a revised policy

might not be able to fix or achieve a good outcome. An example is the policy on drug interdiction and enforcement that has increased Prison population.